

village and neighbourhood are talking of him.' Later she wrote : 'I am concerned he is insane . . . two nights ago he attacked me and gave Maria a frightful blow on the head ; he has also shown his madness at five or six different times by pulling off every one of the young vine shoots, pulling up all the French beans, and breaking off a dozen fine hyacinths and treading in the rocks under his feet . . . Mr. Layton rode by the other day and bowed to him, he was standing among his labourers, upon which he turned his posteriors to him and gave himself two great smacks on them in Mr. Layton's face . . .'

When Admiral Sir Eliab Harvey died in 1830 he left six daughters. He had two sons, but the elder was killed on active service in the Army at the siege of Burgos in 1812, and the younger died in 1823. His elder son was Captain Edward Harvey of the Coldstream Guards, and the Admiral received news of his son's death within a month of standing down in the 1812 election.

An obituary in the Kent and Essex Mercury, 23 February, 1830, said that he 'as a magistrate was remarkable for a firmness approximating too closely to a rigid dispensation of justice, but in his private friendship he was sincere and constant, and what redounds still more to his praise, he was a kind, liberal and indulgent landlord.'

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